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JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

With the exception of Sandy Hook Elementary students, children returned to school in Newtown, Conn., on Tuesday. It is unknown whether Sandy Hook will ever reopen.



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‘Gets Only 1 Star Because of The B&B’s Weird Magician’

Police say Jason Bennett, 38, was drunk when he entered an upstate New York bed-and-breakfast after hours Saturday, used the main switchboard to dial guest rooms and started a fire that set off smoke alarms. Bennett was charged with criminal trespass. (AP)

BRIGHT/DUMB IDEAS

“I am not sure the next phone I buy will be fitted with an airbag, but we are often surprised by what ideas become successful.”

— VICTOR SEIDEL OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY ON HEARING THAT AMAZON FOUNDER JEFF BEZOS FILED AN APPLICATION FOR A PATENT TO CREATE A MINI-AIRBAG THAT DEPLOYS WHEN A SMARTPHONE IS AIRBORNE, THE TELEGRAPH REPORTED MONDAY

BAD DECISIONS

Wife: ‘You Just HAD to Pack Your Chain-Mail Collection ...’

A passenger at Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport in China was told his luggage exceeded the weight limit, so he decided to wear everything from his suitcase. Guangzhou Daily reported Monday that the man put on more than 60 shirts and nine pairs of jeans, and he stuffed small electronics in his pockets. While going through security, he was stopped by a metal detector and had to undergo a full body search. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



HOW THE GRINCH PULLED YOU OVER: Monroe County Sheriff’s Office Bureau Chief Lou Caputo, right, costumed as “the Grinch,” checks the speed of oncoming traffic Monday in a school zone in Marathon, Fla. Aiding him is Deputy Mark Jones, left. Florida Keys motorists stopped for speeding by not more than 5 mph had the option of choosing a traffic citation or an onion for the infraction.



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Congressional Backing For Gun Control Grows

Obama also 'actively supportive' of plan to ban assault weapons

Washington

Congressional gun-rights supporters showed an increased willingness Tuesday to consider new legislation to control firearms in the aftermath of the Connecticut school shootings — provided it also addresses mental-health issues and the impact of violent video games.

A former co-chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, Democratic Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., and 10-term House Republican Jack Kingston — a Georgia lawmaker elected with strong National Rifle Association backing — were the latest to join the call to consider gun control as part of a comprehensive, anti-violence effort next year.

"Put guns on the table, also put video games on the table, put mental health on the table," Kingston said. He added that nothing should be done immediately, saying, "There is a time for mourning and a time to sort it out. I look forward to sorting it out."

With the nation's nerves still



A woman visits a makeshift Sandy Hook memorial Tuesday in Newtown, Conn., as lawmakers consider new legislation for next year to better control firearms.

"If people were armed, not just a police officer, but other school officials that were trained and chose to have a weapon, certainly there'd be an opportunity to stop aggressors coming into the schools."

VIRGINIA GOV. BOB McDONNELL
SAYING TUESDAY THAT POLICYMAKERS SHOULD NOT OVERREACT TO THE CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING BUT SHOULD DISCUSS ALLOWING SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CAMPUS

"It is hard to conclude that these guns should be in the hands of anyone who isn't a soldier on the battlefield or a law enforcement who was being sent into a tactical situation."

MARYLAND GOV. MARTIN O'MALLEY
SAYING TUESDAY THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL INTRODUCE BILLS AIMED AT PREVENTING MASS SHOOTINGS BUT THAT THE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT

Meanwhile ...

► **The National Rifle Association**, silent since the Sandy Hook shootings, said in a statement Tuesday that it "is prepared to offer meaningful contributions to help make sure this never happens again." The group scheduled a news conference for Friday.

► **Dick's Sporting Goods** said Tuesday it's suspending sales of modern rifles nationwide and removing all guns from display at its store closest to Newtown, Conn.

► The private-equity group **Cerberus Capital Management** said Tuesday it will sell its controlling stake in Freedom Group International, the maker of Bushmaster rifles, the primary weapon used in the shootings. (AP)

raw over the Sandy Hook murders, White House spokesman Jay Carney said President Barack Obama was "actively supportive" of a plan by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., to introduce legislation to reinstate an assault weapons ban. While Obama has long supported a ban, he exerted little effort to get it passed during his first term.

Carney said Obama would also support legislation that closes a gun show "loophole" that allows people to buy guns without a background check. And he says Obama would be "interested in looking at" legislation to restrict high-capacity ammunition clips. LARRY MARGASAK (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Broadwell Won't Face Cyberstalking Charge



Broadwell

A letter released Tuesday shows that the Justice Department is dropping its investigation into whether David Petraeus' mistress, Paula Broadwell, cyberstalked Jill Kelley, the Tampa, Fla., socialite who initiated the investigation that revealed the affair. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Leahy Is New Senate President Pro Tempore

Sen. Pat Leahy of Vermont was sworn in Tuesday as president pro tempore of the Senate. As the longest-serving Democrat now in the Senate, Leahy moves to third place in the line of presidential succession, behind Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner. (AP)

LANSING, KAN.

Bodies of 'In Cold Blood' Killers Exhumed

The bodies of Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, executed for the 1959 murders of a Kansas family that became infamous in Truman Capote's true-crime book "In Cold Blood," were exhumed Tuesday in an effort to solve slayings of a Florida family killed weeks later. (AP)

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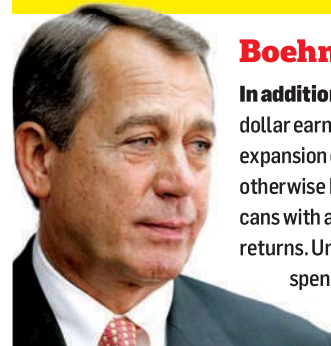
Option gets frosty reception from both GOP, White House

Washington

President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner pushed ahead on negotiating a broad deal to avert the fiscal cliff, even as the GOP leader readied a backup plan Tuesday to pressure the White House with little time left to avoid a double hit on the economy.

With two weeks until automatic tax hikes and spending cuts, Boehner offered a “plan B” that would cancel tax increases due to take effect Jan. 1 on everyone earning \$1 million or less, while allowing tax increases on those earning more than that amount.

Boehner insisted that his plan would address the burgeoning deficits and that the president has



Boehner's 'Plan B'

In addition to allowing a tax increase for million-dollar earners, John Boehner's plan would prevent an expansion of the alternative minimum tax that would otherwise hit 28 million middle- and upper-class Americans with an average \$3,700 increase on their 2012 tax returns. Under his plan, the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts of \$1.09 trillion to domestic and defense programs would go into effect. (AP)

failed to produce a balance plan in weeks of post-election negotiations.

But the speaker's alternative was a non-starter with the White House and Democrats, and perhaps more damaging to its prospects, got a frosty reception from rank-and-file House Republicans in a morning closed-door meeting.

“The president is willing to continue to work with Republicans,” White House spokesman Jay Carney said. “But he is not willing to accept a deal that doesn't ask enough of the

very wealthiest in taxes.”

Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the outgoing chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee, said, “I'm not doing cartwheels over it, that's for sure.”

Jordan said Boehner's plan crosses a dangerous line by enacting higher tax rates for anyone.

“I think it's a mistake for the Republican Party, so that's what I think a lot of members are struggling with,” said the Ohio Republican. JIM KUHNHEIN AND JULIE PACE (AP)

9/11 Cancer Study Inconclusive

Chicago

The most comprehensive study of potential World Trade Center-related cancers raises more questions than it answers and won't end a debate over whether the attacks were really a cause.

The study, which appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, suggests possible links with prostate, thyroid and a type of blood cancer among rescue and recovery workers exposed to toxic debris from the terrorist attacks. But there were few total cancers, and even the study leaders say the results “should be interpreted with caution.”

The study involved nearly

Contradictions?

The increased risks found in the 9/11 cancer study were seen only in rescue and recovery workers, who likely had more direct contact with potential cancer-causing substances. But cancers weren't more common in workers who had the most exposure—a finding that would seem to contradict the theory that contact was the cause. (AP)

56,000 people enrolled in a registry. Most participants volunteered for enrollment, which could skew the results if people who already had symptoms were more likely to enroll than healthier people. (AP)

Hearsay



“I'd be crazy not to look at the race a little bit.”

— **JENNY SANFORD**, EX-WIFE OF FORMER GOV. MARK SANFORD, SPEAKING TUESDAY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HER RUNNING IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION NEXT YEAR TO REPLACE OUTGOING REP. TIM SCOTT IN SOUTH CAROLINA. SOURCES SAY MARK SANFORD, TOO, IS CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR THE SEAT, THE HILL REPORTED MONDAY.

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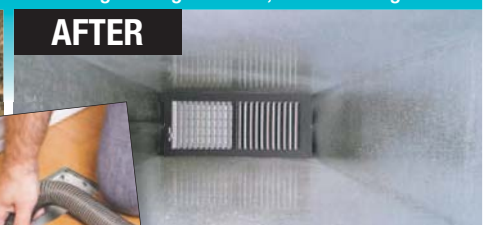
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World

In Brief



A worker carries lumber Tuesday at a new Israeli settlement in Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM

Netanyahu Rejects Calls To Halt New Settlements

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday rejected international criticism of plans to build thousands more Jewish homes in east Jerusalem, insisting that construction will move forward. The tough response came as diplomats discussed plans to condemn Israel in the U.N. Security Council. (AP)

BAGHDAD

President Suffers Stroke

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani was in intensive care at a Baghdad hospital after a stroke Tuesday, injecting new uncertainty into the country's political future. Though his official powers are limited, Talabani, 79, is respected by many Iraqis as a rare unifying figure. (AP)

DUBLIN

Ireland: Law Will Define Women's Abortion Rights

Ireland's government said Tuesday it will draft a new law spelling out the right of women to receive abortions in cases where the pregnancy poses a risk to the mother's life. Ireland has resisted legalizing abortions, but the move follows uproar over the October death of a miscarrying woman who was denied an abortion. (AP)

KARACHI, PAKISTAN

5 Polio Workers Slain

Gunmen shot dead five women working on U.N.-backed polio vaccination efforts in two Pakistani cities Tuesday, officials said, a major setback for the effort to halt the disease. Taliban militants accuse health workers of being U.S. spies. (AP)

Egypt Orders Review of Vote

Accusations of fraud rise as protests over constitution renew

Cairo

Thousands of Egyptian protesters marched on the presidential palace and Cairo's downtown Tahrir Square on Tuesday to protest a contentious Islamist-backed draft constitution after the country's Justice Ministry ordered a probe into allegations of widespread voting irregularities during Saturday's first round of voting on the document.

Since the country's political crisis erupted more than three weeks ago, the opposition has kept the pressure on the government of

Meanwhile ...

Tuesday's protests in Cairo follow closely on developments in the conflict between President Mohammed Morsi and the judiciary. More judges announced a boycott of the second leg of voting, and Prosecutor General Talaat Abdullah submitted his resignation a month after Morsi appointed him. Abdullah had come under fire from fellow prosecutors, who accused him of pressuring a judge not to release some 130 anti-Morsi protesters from detention. (AP)

President Mohammed Morsi with mass marches that have seen turnouts of hundreds of thousands. Morsi's Islamist supporters have countered with rallies of their own.

Chanting "your constitution is void," the opposition made its first major street push since Saturday's round of voting on the constitution. Preliminary results showed that 56 percent of voters chose "yes"

"This is the first time in the history of Egypt that judges are assigned to investigate vote violations."

— A SPOKESMAN FOR EGYPT'S JUSTICE MINISTRY, SPEAKING TUESDAY

on ballots. The second round of voting is set for Saturday.

Islamists have suggested that passage of the constitution would give them a clearer mandate, but the opposition groups say the process has been rushed and turnout has been low.

Rights groups and the opposition also say they filed complaints of violations, including judges who they say stalled the vote in areas anticipated to oppose it.

On Tuesday, Egypt's Justice Ministry said it will assign judges to investigate the allegations, though Judge Mahmoud Abu Shousha, a member of the commission overseeing the referendum, rejected the charges of voting irregularities. MAGGIE MICHAEL (AP)

Enthusiasm High in S. Korea Ahead of Vote



PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL PARK GEUN-HYE RALLIES SUPPORTERS in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday, a day before the country's election. The conservative Park, who is the daughter of a dictator and is seeking to become the nation's first female leader, is in a dead heat with Moon Jae-in, the liberal son of North Korean refugees.

NBC Reporter, Crew Escape Captors in Syria

Beirut

NBC's chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel said Tuesday that he and members of his network crew escaped unharmed after five days of captivity in Syria, where more than a dozen pro-regime gunmen dragged them from their car, killed one of their rebel escorts and subjected them to mock executions.

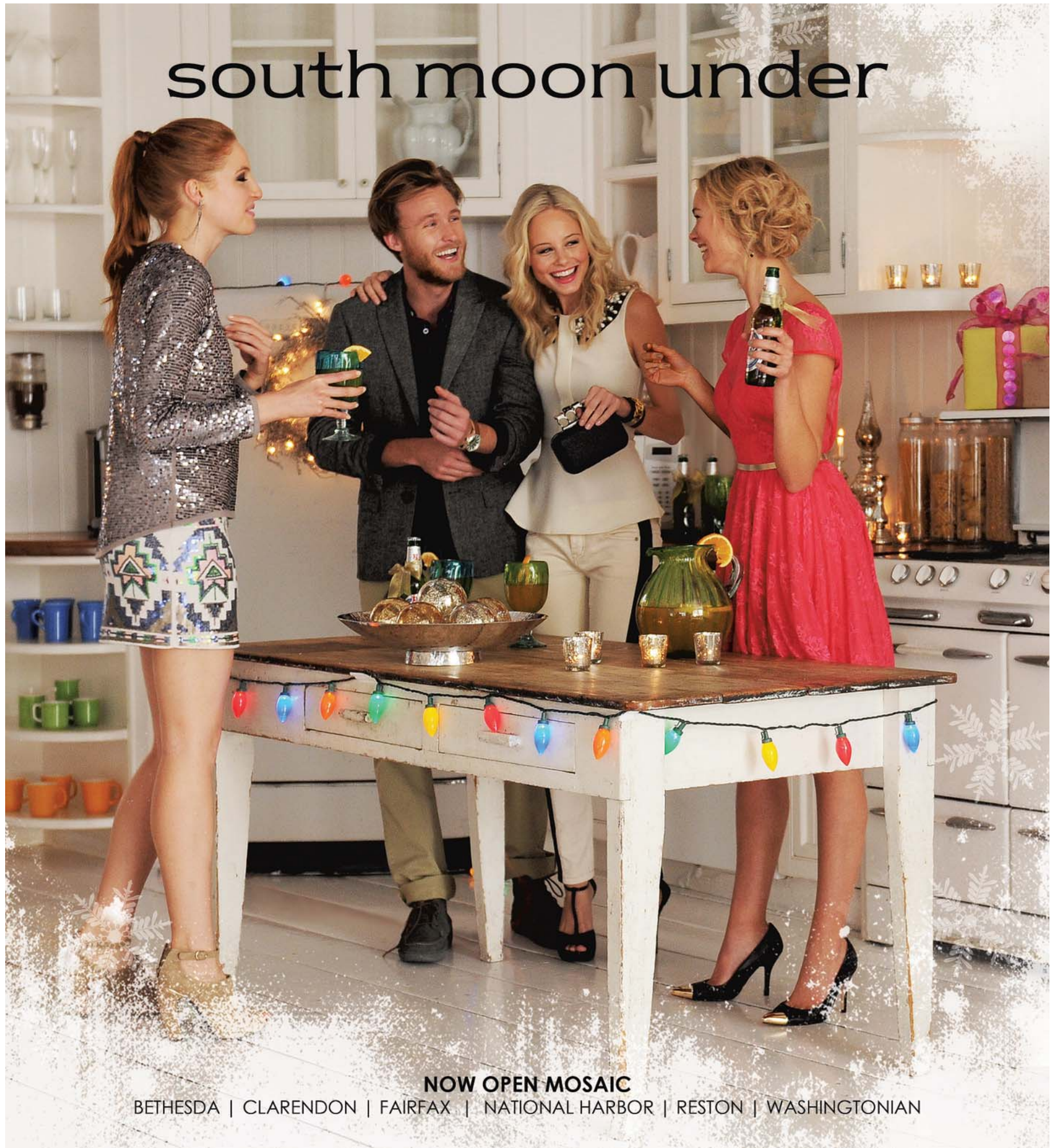
Appearing on NBC's "Today" show, an unshaven Engel said he and his team escaped during a fire-fight Monday night between their captors and rebels. They crossed into Turkey on Tuesday.

Engel said he believes the kidnappers were a militia group loyal to the Syrian government, struggling to retain control in a civil war that has killed 40,000 people. (AP)



Now Showing: It's been more than 18 months since former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn, shown, faced sexual-assault charges brought by a New York hotel maid. Those charges were dropped, but now a play in Paris based off the story asks, "What might have happened?" Titled "Suite 2806" — the number of Strauss-Kahn's hotel room — the play has been struggling to fill seats since its premiere last month. (AP)

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Bikeshare Looks to Grow

Service wants to add 54 stations in D.C. to keep up with demand

Washington

Capital Bikeshare's red bicycles, already ubiquitous in the District as well as Arlington County and Alexandria, are going to be spreading through D.C. in the coming months.

The District Department of Transportation announced proposed spots for 54 new Bikeshare stations that will be installed between January and March. These stations, which will be in each of



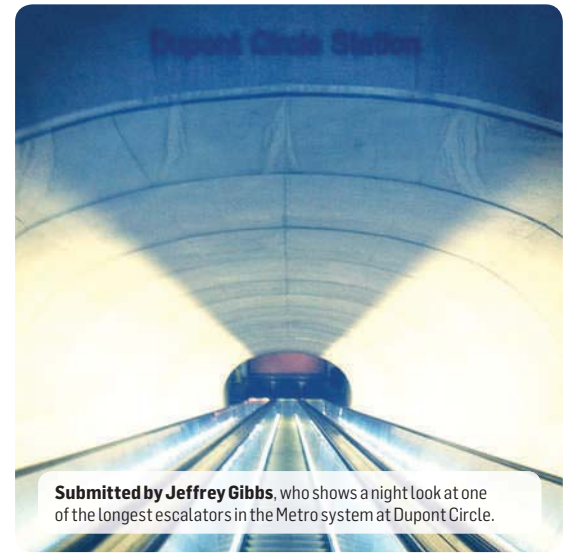
After the Capital Bikeshare expansion, there will be 192 bike stations in D.C.

the District's eight wards, will give the District a total of 192 Bikeshare stations.

The new stations will be cropping up in many areas that already have a Bikeshare presence to respond to demand around popular stations. Stations will also appear along Rhode Island Avenue in Northeast and on Alabama, Martin Luther King Jr. and Minnesota avenues in Southeast. And there will be new stations on both sides of the Mall as well as east of the Capitol.

If you have any thoughts on the proposed stations, email ddot.bikeshare@dc.gov by Jan. 15.

MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Submitted by Jeffrey Gibbs, who shows a night look at one of the longest escalators in the Metro system at Dupont Circle.



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'Murder Capital' Days Behind Us

Drop in homicides has D.C. on pace for remarkable milestone

Washington

The crack epidemic that began in the 1980s ushered in a wave of bloodletting in the nation's capital and a death toll that ticked upward daily. Dead bodies, sometimes several a night, had homicide detectives hustling between crime scenes and earned Washington unwelcome monikers such as the nation's "murder capital."

But after approaching nearly 500 slayings a year in the early

1990s, the annual rate has gradually declined to the point that the city is now on the verge of a once-unthinkable milestone. The number of 2012 killings in the District of Columbia stands at 78 and is on pace to finish lower than 100 for the first time since 1963, police records show.

"It strikes me probably daily as I ride around the city, or sometimes when I'm sitting at home at night, and it's 10 o'clock and my phone's not ringing," said Police Chief Cathy Lanier, who joined the department in 1991.

The homicide drop is good news for violence-weary residents such as John Harper, who said his street in



D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier says she wants people to feel safe in the District.

the historically violent Anacostia neighborhood feels far safer than it did 10 years ago. Still, a fatal shooting last July on his block returned his thoughts to the night in 2009

when his own son was killed in an alley.

"I didn't even want to look over there because it just takes me right back to that day," he said. "A lot of it is starting to come to an end, that behavior is starting to just leave this city — hopefully for good. I know not all of it, but a lot of it."

Lanier, the police chief, said that in a city visited by millions of tourists annually, a continued downward trend might help alter a lingering perception of the city as a haven for violence.

"It really is about a vibrant, safe city. I want people to not only be safe but to feel safe," she said.

ERIC TUCKER (AP)

In Brief



Passengers walk through Union Station over Thanksgiving weekend.

WASHINGTON

AAA: Busy Holiday Travel Season Expected

More than 40 percent of the 5.5 million people in the Washington region plan to travel 50 miles or more over the holidays, according to an annual survey from AAA Mid-Atlantic. AAA says the average trip length will be more than 700 miles, and more than 90 percent of holiday travelers plan on driving. For the purposes of the survey, the holiday travel period is between Dec. 22 and Jan. 1. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA

Two Marked Police Cars Stolen off the Streets

Alexandria police say two marked police cars were stolen off the streets on two consecutive nights, and detectives are trying to determine if the thefts are related. The first cruiser was stolen between Thursday night and Friday morning. Police say it was parked and locked at the time. It was found in Prince George's County, Md., but a laptop computer and a shotgun were missing. (AP)

GAITHERSBURG, MD.

Sodexo Inc. to Keep HQ In Montgomery County

State and local officials say Sodexo Inc. has re-signed the lease on its North American headquarters in Gaithersburg. The move ensures that the global services firm and its 567 full-time employees will remain at the site for the next decade. The state is giving Sodexo a \$2 million conditional loan to remain at the site. The company is also getting a total of \$2 million from Montgomery County and the city of Gaithersburg. (AP)

D.C. to Raise Speed Limits on Major Routes

Washington

Washington Mayor Vincent Gray is raising the speed limits on several major commuter routes. The D.C. Department of Transportation announced the changes Monday.

The speed limit on eastbound New York Avenue will rise to 45 mph from 40 mph from Bladensburg Road to the Maryland line. Westbound traffic will be able to travel at 40 mph instead of 35 mph.

Bladensburg Road speeds will rise to 30 mph from Mt. Olivet Road to New York Avenue.

North Capitol Street speeds will rise to 40 mph from Michigan Avenue to Harewood Road. Canal Road speeds will rise to 40 mph from Chain Bridge to Foxhall Road. (AP)

Metro, Do You Hear What I Jeer?

Vienna

On a crowded morning train on Metro's Orange Line, Fisher Yang, 50, of Centreville, Va., gets his share of jeers, eye rolls and smiles.

Yang, who is the pastor of a church in Virginia's Shenandoah County, sings Christmas carols two days a week during the morning rush hour on Metro's five subway lines. Starting at Vienna, he makes his way along the Orange Line, singing all the way.

At each station, he sprinted from one rail car to another and started his routine again.

"It's annoying as hell," muttered one rider who refused to give her name. "I just woke up. I don't want to hear this."

Metro's chief spokesman, Dan Stessel, said Yang's not violating any policy.



Fisher Yang sings Christmas carols on an Orange Line train earlier this month.

"If you're standing on a train and you happen to be singing instead of talking, it's not something we're going to regulate," Stessel said.

Rider Helen Armstrong sang

along under her breath. "I like it," said Armstrong who is visiting from Coventry, Conn. "But it would get old if I lived here."

DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3 2-9-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 8-8-3
Mid-day Pick 4 8-2-1-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 7-1-2-9
Match 5 (Mon.) 3-6-24-25-33 (18)

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers 9-4-4
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.) 7-0-0
Mid-day DC 4 3-4-9-8
Evening DC 4 (Mon.) 1-2-9-9
Mid-day D.C. Five 0-3-6-2-6
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.) 9-8-7-2-1

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 8-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 3-3-7
Mid-day Pick 4 5-4-2-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 8-0-2-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.) 1-18-22-26-30
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Somber Return In Newtown

With security stepped up and families still on edge in Newtown, students headed back to school Tuesday for the first time since last week's massacre, bringing a return of familiar routines — at least, for some — to a grief-stricken town as it buries 20 of its children. Buses ferrying students were festooned with green-and-white ribbons on the front grills, a nod to the colors of Sandy Hook Elementary, as classes resumed for all Newtown students except those at the attacked elementary school. At Newtown High School, students betrayed mixed emotions. Some waved at or snapped photos of the media horde. Others appeared visibly shaken. "There's going to be no joy in school," said 17-year-old senior P.J. Hickey. "It really doesn't feel like Christmas anymore." (AP)

A School's Uncertain Fate

What's next for Sandy Hook? Similar tragedies offer lessons in moving on.

Aurora, Colo.

As Newtown, Conn., grieves the deadly mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, victims' families and residents will eventually have to decide what to do with the building and how to memorialize the fallen.

Will they decide to demolish the school where authorities say Adam Lanza killed 20 children and six adults before killing himself? Or just the parts where he opened fire? Will there be a memorial on school grounds, or in town? Or both?

Whatever they choose, it will give them a measure of control over a situation in which they have had very little, said Dr. Louis Kraus, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

"To be able to have some control and say in that process I think is going to be very important" to the healing process, he said.

Here's a look at what some other communities that have faced mass school shootings have done.

Razed in Pa.

In Pennsylvania, an Amish community decided that removing a schoolhouse where five girls were killed and five others were wounded in October 2006 by a gunman would be the best way to help bring resolution.

Ten days after the shooting, heavy machinery demolished the West Nickel Mines Amish School. New Hope Amish School, its replacement with added security features, was built a few hundred yards away and opened April 2, 2007 — six months to the day after the massacre.

Repurposed in Va.

At Virginia Tech, the scene of the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, a classroom building where a student gunman killed 30

people in April 2007 is now home to the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention.

A dormitory where the two other students were killed has been turned into a residential college.

As at many other scenes of mass shootings, a memorial was created on the campus' main lawn re-creating the 32 stones — one for each person killed — placed there in the hours after the tragedy.

Rebuilt in Colo.

After two students went on a deadly rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999, students finished the year at another school. Columbine reopened in time for the following school year after extensive repairs.

"It's the right thing to do. You have to send your kids back. But at the same time, I'm worried."

— DAN CAPODICCI, WHOSE 10-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER ATTENDS A SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN, WHERE MOST CLASSES RESUMED TUESDAY AFTER FRIDAY'S MASSACRE

"We don't want to make it a shrine to the tragedy," Jack Swanzy, lead architect on the project, said at the time.

Officials considered remodeling and reopening the second-floor library, where most of the students were killed, but parents objected.

The district eventually demolished and replaced the old library, which sat above the school cafeteria. The space was converted into an atrium.

A memorial to those killed — 12 students and a teacher — opened years later on a hill above the school.

On Friday, after the Newtown shooting, Amber Essman, 24, made her first visit.

She wanted to pay belated respects to those killed at Columbine and provide some comfort to their families.

"They need comfort and peace today in addition to the families in Connecticut that have been affected," she said. DAN ELLIOTT AND THOMAS PEIPERT (AP)

Prolonged Terror

Some children in Newtown, Conn., stayed home from school even as classes resumed Tuesday, as police and school officials planned how and where to increase security in the wake of Friday's deadly shooting. State police said they were on alert for threats and hoaxes, as there has been a series of threats there since Friday. One such threat phoned in Sunday led to the evacuation of a Catholic church in the middle of Mass, though police did not find anything dangerous inside. One Newtown school, Head O'Meadow Elementary, was locked down Tuesday because of an unspecified threat. The principal told parents to keep their children home, according to a letter from the principal published by WFSB-TV reported. (AP)

Record
9-1



Maryland

The Terps opened the season with a 72-69 loss to No. 3 Kentucky. It was a perfect time to take advantage of a freshman-loaded Wildcats team that has since fallen out of the rankings, but Maryland was unable to leave with a win. Since the loss, the Terps have won nine straight, but their most-impressive wins have come vs. Northwestern and George Mason.

As a 7-foot-1, 255-pound center, **Alex Len** was on the NBA radar for his size alone. But his development on offense and athleticism in the post have Len soaring up draft boards. His production has improved in every major area — he's averaging 13.9 points, 8.8 rebounds and 2.6 blocks a game, while shooting 58.7 percent from the floor.

There aren't too many teams in the country that hit the glass or share the ball better than the Terps. Maryland ranks third in rebounding (45.4 per game) and fourth in assists (18.8 pg). Point guard Pe'Shon Howard leads the ACC in assist to turnover ratio (3.16), and forward Charles Mitchell is averaging 6.5 rebounds in just 15.7 minutes a game.

The Terps lack a consistent deep threat. Maryland ranks 210th in the country in 3-point shooting (32.1 percent), and its top three perimeter players — Dez Wells, Nick Faust and Howard — all shoot under 30 percent from behind the arc. If anyone emerges as a 3-point threat, it should open the lane for Wells and Len.

Battle Lines

The top two men's basketball teams in the area have gotten off to strong starts. Georgetown and Maryland are both 9-1, they both have a possible future NBA lottery pick and they both are exceeding expectations. But which team is better? **JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)**



Record
9-1

Georgetown

The No. 15 Hoyas' most impressive performance may have been in their lone loss of the season. Georgetown took then-No. 1 Indiana to overtime but fell in the title game of the Legends Classic. The Hoyas' only win over a ranked opponent was their 78-70 defeat of No. 11 UCLA at home, but the Bruins have lost twice since, including to Cal Poly.

Otto Porter Jr. came into the season with a lot of draft buzz and has lived up to expectations, averaging 12.9 points, 7.1 rebounds and 3.2 assists a game. But what NBA scouts have to love most about the 6-foot-8 sophomore forward is his improved perimeter shooting. He went from a 22.6 percent 3-point shooter last season to 36.8 percent this season.

The Hoyas may have the best defense in the country. With four starters 6-foot-8 or taller, Georgetown's length gives opposing offenses problems. In back-to-back games, the Hoyas held Tennessee to 36 points, its second-lowest total since the 1985-86 season, and Texas to 41 points on 29.2 percent shooting. Georgetown ranks 10th in the country in points allowed per game (55.4).

The Hoyas go through long spells when the offense just can't score. Against Tennessee, they had 37 points in a win. Two games later, they managed just 46 points against Towson, a team that's lost five of its past six games. The lack of consistent guard play has hurt the Hoyas' offensive execution, forcing them to grind out games against inferior teams.

Résumé

NBA Prospect

Team Strength

Team Weakness

Who Has the Edge?

Résumé

ADVANTAGE:
GEORGETOWN

The Terps' weak nonconference schedule is the reason they are not ranked while the Hoyas are.

NBA Prospect

ADVANTAGE:
GEORGETOWN

While Len has shown improvement, Porter has proven to be the Hoyas' go-to guy in the clutch.

Team Strength

ADVANTAGE:
MARYLAND

When it mattered most, Georgetown's defense allowed 18 points in overtime in the loss to Indiana.

Team Weakness

ADVANTAGE:
MARYLAND

The Terps can mask their weakness by being a more balanced and deeper team.

The Verdict



The Terps Take It

Maryland has all the parts to finish near the top of the ACC. The Terps have a dominant post player in Alex Len, a scoring swingman in Dez Wells and a pass-first point guard in Pe'Shon Howard. The Hoyas' lack of a true leader in their backcourt will become more of a problem when they enter Big East play. Both teams will make the NCAA tournament, but the Terps are poised for a deeper run.

Another Major Award for Manziel

Aggies QB is named the Associated Press Player of the Year

College Football

Johnny Manziel ran for almost 1,700 yards and 30 touchdowns as a dual-threat quarterback his senior year of high school at Ker-ville Tivy in Texas.

Who would have thought he'd be even more impressive at Texas A&M when pitted against the defenses of the SEC?

On Tuesday, Manziel picked up another major award for his spectacular debut season. He was voted the Associated Press Player of the Year. As with the Heisman Trophy and Davey O'Brien Award that Manziel already won, the QB nicknamed "Johnny Football" is the first freshman to collect the AP award.

Manziel's 31 votes were more than twice that of second-place finisher Manti Te'o, Notre Dame's starting linebacker. He is the third-straight Heisman-winning quarterback to receive the honor, following Robert Griffin III and Cam Newton.

Manziel erased initial doubts about his ability when he ran for 60 yards and a score in his first



Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel on Tuesday became the first freshman to be named AP Player of the Year.

game, against Florida.

"I knew I could run the ball, I did it a lot in high school," Manziel said. "It is just something that you don't get a chance to see in the spring. Quarterbacks aren't live in the spring. You don't get to tackle. You don't get to evade some of the sacks that you would in normal game situations. So I feel like when I was able to avoid getting tackled, it opened some people's eyes a little bit more."

The 6-foot-1 Manziel threw for 3,419 yards and 24 touchdowns and ran for 1,181 yards and 19 more scores to help the Aggies win 10 games for the first time since 1998 — and in their inaugural SEC year, too.

Ryan Tannehill, Manziel's predecessor now with the Dolphins after being drafted eighth overall this season, saw promise from the young quarterback last year when Manziel was redshirted. But

even he is surprised at how quickly things came together for Manziel.

"It's pretty wild. I always thought he had that playmaking ability, that something special where if somebody came free, he can make something exciting happen," Tannehill said. "I wasn't really sure if, I don't think anyone was sure if he was going to be able to carry that throughout an SEC season, and he's shocked the world and he did it." KRISTIE RIEKEN (AP)

Jets Bench Sanchez, Turn to McElroy at QB

Tebow is leapfrogged by the third-stringer to start vs. Chargers

NFL

Mark Sanchez blew the second chance Rex Ryan gave him. Now, it's Greg McElroy's chance to be the New York Jets' starting quarterback.

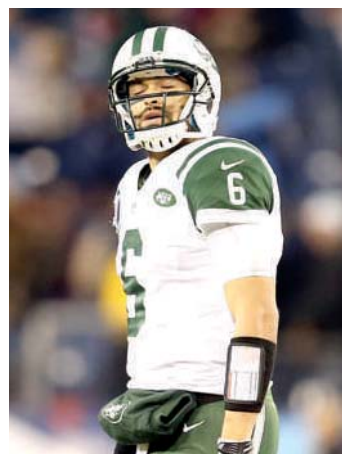
And Tim Tebow? Well, he was leapfrogged by the third-stringer, fueling speculation that the team has little confidence in him as a quarterback.

Ryan decided to bench Sanchez

on Tuesday after the fourth-year quarterback had another miserable performance. Sanchez threw four interceptions Monday night and wasn't able to handle a low snap with the game on the line as the Jets (6-8) were eliminated from playoff contention with a 14-10 loss at Tennessee.

Things got worse after the game for Sanchez, who received a series of death threats on Twitter. League spokesman Greg Aiello said the NFL is aware of the threats and is working with the Jets to assist on the matter.

Ryan said after the loss that



Mark Sanchez threw four interceptions in Monday night's loss to the Titans.

he wasn't ready to decide who would start against the Chargers, but chose McElroy over Sanchez and Tebow after talking with his staff and others in the organization Tuesday.

McElroy, a seventh-round pick last year out of Alabama, helped lead the Jets to a 7-6 win over Arizona on Dec. 2 when Ryan pulled Sanchez from that game late in the third quarter. McElroy had modest numbers — 5 of 7 for 29 yards — but threw for the only touchdown of the game, and nearly led another scoring drive as the Jets ran out the clock. DENNIS WASZAK (AP)

In Brief



Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has scored a record 90 goals so far in 2012.

SOCCER

Messi Signs New Deal To Stay With Barcelona

Lionel Messi agreed to a new contract with Barcelona on Tuesday that will keep him with the Spanish powerhouse through 2018. The 25-year-old Messi, a three-time world player of the year, has 90 goals so far in 2012, surpassing Gerd Mueller's 40-year-old record of 85 in a calendar year. Xavi Hernandez and Carles Puyol also agreed to new deals with the team. (AP)

NFL

Mystics Hire Thibault As New Coach and GM

Two-time WNBA coach of the year Mike Thibault is the new coach and general manager of the Washington Mystics. The team announced his hiring Tuesday. The Mystics went a combined 11-55 the past two seasons and parted ways with coach and GM Trudi Lacey in September. Thibault was fired by the Connecticut Sun last month after leading them to eight playoff appearances in 10 seasons, including trips to the WNBA Finals in 2004 and 2005. (AP)

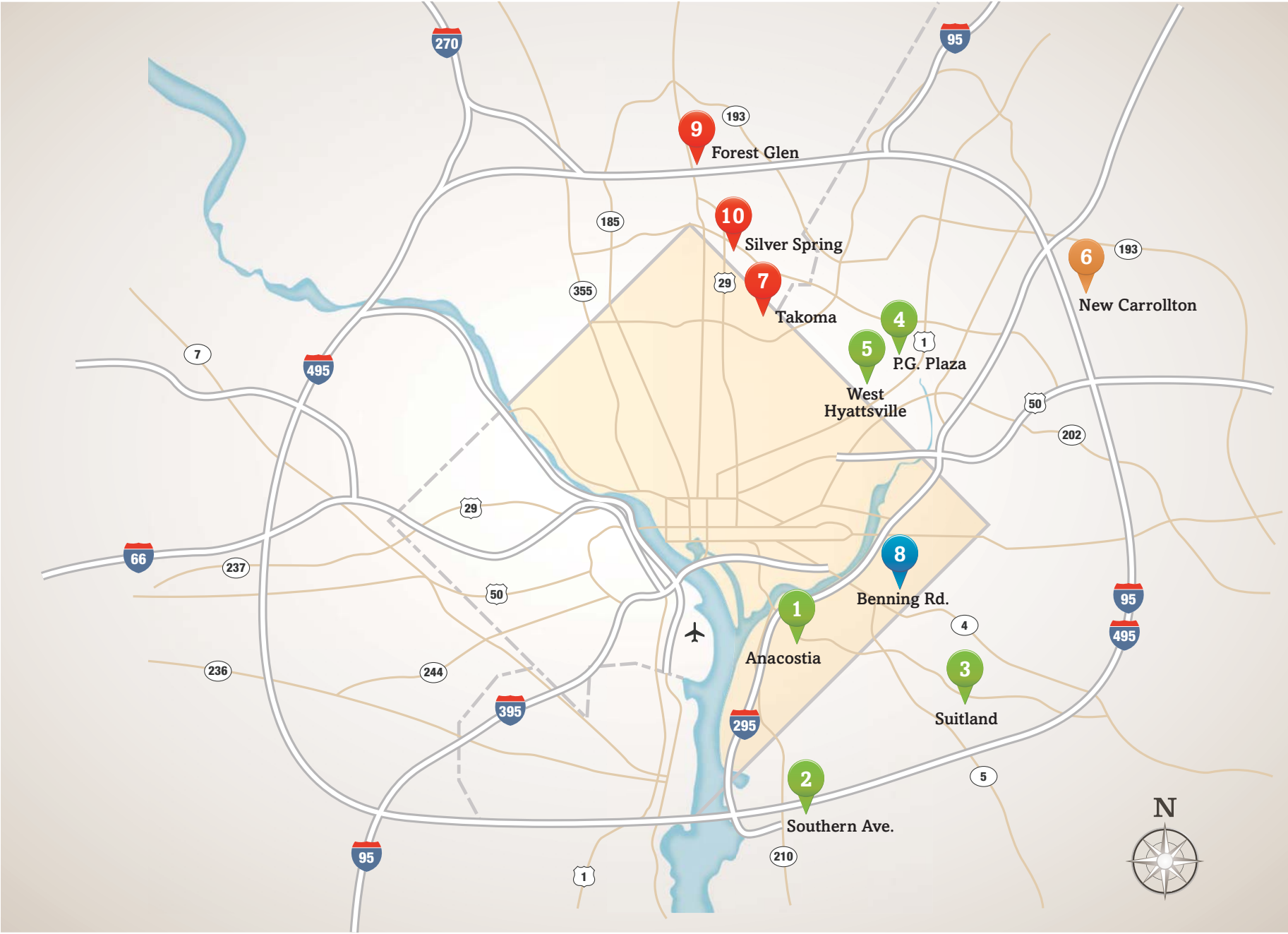
TV Lineup

NBA (7 P.M., ESPN) Round 3 of the New York Knicks-Brooklyn Nets rivalry. The first two games were instant classics, with the series tied 1-1.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M., ESPN2)

Texas hosts No. 23 North Carolina as the Longhorns look for a desperately needed marquee nonconference win.

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Romeo Beckham, son
of Victoria and David,
gets a modeling job **27**

Inside Jokes



Best of Comedy

There wasn't one medium that defined "comedy" in 2012, so my year-end roundup is a hodgepodge of some of the best ways I consumed humor.

Best Podcast: Scott Aukerman's "Comedy Bang! Bang!," a loose, anything-goes gabfest where celebrities and comics aren't afraid to get silly.

Best TV Show Not Named



By Rudi Greenberg

"Louie:" "Parks and Recreation," which provided a genuine shock — and deep emotional payoff — when Ben (Adam Scott) proposed to Leslie (Amy Poehler), above.

Best Album:

Tig Notaro's "Live," recorded after she was diagnosed with cancer, reminded us that laughter really can be the best medicine.

Best Film Judd Apatow Wasn't

Involved With: No movie has captured the essence of stand-up quite like Mike Birbiglia's "Sleepwalk With Me."

Best Way to Spend \$5:

Rob Delaney's "Live at the Bowery Ballroom" special, which proved that Twitter can help you build a career.

Best Tweeter:

@meganamram, whose compact, absurd jokes always made me laugh. Example: "'Malcolm In The Middle' is a good TV show but a GREAT recipe for a Human Centipede."

Best News of 2012 That Won't

Pay Off Until 2013: New "Arrested Development" on Netflix!



For more of Rudi's comedy musings, follow him on Twitter: @rudigreenberg.

Play By Numbers

You can't listen to Beck's latest album, but you can help bring 'Song Reader' to life

Books

Beck wants you to think about the way music has changed over the past century and what that means about how human beings engage one another these days.

Laboring over the intricate and ornate details of his new "Song Reader" sheet music project, he was struck by how social music used to be — something we've lost in the age of ear buds.



Song Reader

Twenty New Songs By Beck

"You watch an old film and see how people would dance together in the '20s, '30s and '40s," he says. "You'd go out and people would switch partners and it was a way of social interaction. It's something that was part of what brought people together. Playing music in the home is another aspect that's been lost."

Beck hopes "Song Reader" (\$34, McSweeney's) inspires some of us to pick up instruments and limber our vocal cords. It includes no record-



ed music; instead, 20 new songs are annotated on sheet music.

The 42-year-old singer notes in the preface that the sheet music for Bing Crosby's "Sweet Leilani" sold an estimated 54 million copies in 1937, meaning about 40 percent of the U.S. population was engaged in learning how to play that song. They were touching it directly, speeding it up, slowing it down, changing the lyrics and creating something new.

"There's popular bands now that people know the words to their songs and can sing along," he says, "but there's something about play-

"When I think of my great-grandparents' generations, music defined their lives in a different way than it does now."

ing a song for yourself or for your friends and family that allows you to inhabit the song and by some sort of osmosis it becomes part of who you are, in a way."

Beck hopes fans will record their own versions and upload them to Songreader.net so those songs grow into something more universal.

As for his recorded music, that's a little more complicated. He made an album in 2008, but set it aside. Beck says he's not sure what's next.

"This last year I've been thinking about whether I'd finish those songs [from 2008], whether they're relevant or worthy of releasing," he says. "I know that doesn't sound very definitive, but that's the kind of place I'm in — in this kind of limbo — and, um, yeah." CHRIS TALBOTT (AP)

Micro-Ratings: Twitter and the TV ratings firm Nielsen are joining forces to create a way to measure TV-related conversations on the micro-blogging site. The new Nielsen Twitter TV Rating will be available at the start of the fall 2013 season and will be designed to complement Nielsen's traditional ratings. It's the first-ever measurement of the total audience for social TV activity — those participating in the conversation and those exposed to it. (AP)

Remember the Rumour?

Judd Apatow helps revive a forgotten rocker's pop career

Music

The bass player is a librarian. One guitarist fixes guitars, the other teaches people how to play. The drummer and keyboard player have scattered to other gigs.

Yet when Graham Parker decided to reassemble the Rumour, the backup band that played on his first four albums before their breakup more than 30 years ago, no one hesitated to say yes.

The reunion includes an album, "Three Chords Good;" a theater tour; a role in filmmaker Judd Apatow's new comedy, "This Is 40;" and a renewed interest in Parker's music.

"It will disappear as soon as this is over and people will say, 'Brian who? Brian Parker? Never heard of him,'" Parker jokes. "At the moment I feel like everybody knows me."

Coming out of England in 1975, Parker's tightly wound rock made him a critical favorite. After disbanding the Rumour following 1980's "The Up Escalator," Parker moved to New York's Catskills and has steadily written, recorded and performed. As with most artists of a certain age (he's 62), the music world's attention moved on.



Filmmaker Judd Apatow, left, directs musician Graham Parker (playing himself) for a scene in the new comedy "This Is 40."

The reunion was set in motion when he asked two ex-Rumour members to help him on a new CD, and they suggested getting the full band together.

While this was happening, Apatow contacted Parker's agent. The filmmaker had used Parker's "Love Gets You Twisted" in the final episode of his TV series "Undeclared." He read some things Parker had written on his website about trying to get more of his music placed in movies or on television. "Are you listening, Judd Apatow?" Parker wrote.

"Paul Rudd's character is desperately trying to figure out how to help Graham sell records. Now that the movie's coming out, we're all desperately trying to help Graham sell records."

— JUDD APATOW, WHO CAST MUSICIAN GRAHAM PARKER IN HIS FILM "THIS IS 40."

"I took it as a sign," Apatow says. In "This Is 40," Paul Rudd's character is the head of an independent music label who bets the success of his company on Parker. Not wise. Parker is the visible man-

ifestation of a good artist forgotten by time. Apatow says the joke is on the industry, not Parker, which is fine by Parker.

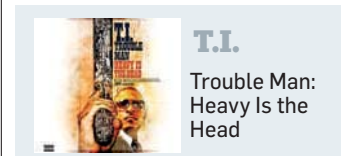
"I'm very self-effacing about my position in the world of pop,"

T.I. Makes 'Trouble' Worth It

Album Review

After the lackluster response to 2010's "No Mercy," some questioned whether T.I.'s rap presence was still strong. But the Grammy winner shows he hasn't lost a step, delivering an assortment of quality songs on his eighth album, "Trouble Man: Heavy Is the Head."

The self-proclaimed "King of



the South" lives up to his billing on the 16-track album, which was inspired by Marvin Gaye's 1972 album "Trouble Man." The disc details T.I.'s struggles to overcome his continuous missteps. On three interludes, he reenacts some of those moments, including his arrest before the 2008 BET Hip-Hop Awards and when his best friend, Philant Johnson, was killed in a 2006 shootout in Cincinnati.

But despite his mishaps, T.I. is unapologetic to his critics, especially on the Jazze Pha-produced "Sorry," featuring Andre 3000, who blesses the track with his always-superb rhymes. JONATHAN LANDRUM JR. (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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1 Ready to Pillow Fight to the Death

Comedy team The Pajama Men (Mark Chavez and Shenoah Allen) are lighting up Woolly with their quick and dirty comedy show, "In the Middle of No One." The two spin a complex story about aliens, time travel, zebras and adventure — and all while wearing their PJs. **Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; through Jan. 6, \$35-\$55; 202-393-3939, Woollymammoth.net. (Gallery Place)**

2 Shop Around The Clock

Perhaps you've done your holiday shopping online: convenient, but bloodless. Or, more likely, you've forgotten to start entirely. The annual Rock 'n' Shop is a fun way to support local artisans (from vinyl collectors to makers of adorable handmade crafts) while also drinking beer, listening to sweet tunes and running into all your friends. **Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Wed., 8 p.m., free; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U Street)**

3 A Series of Tube Amps

Girl Talk brought the mashup of hip-hop and indie rock into the mainstream, but the phenomenon was a long time coming. Chicago's Hood Internet — DJs Aaron Brink, left, and Steve Reidell — do a similar schtick, and have put out a slew of mixtapes in recent years. They're touring now on this year's "FEAT." **U Street Music Hall, 1115 U St. NW; Wed., 10 p.m., \$10-\$12; Ustreetmusichall.com. (U Street)**



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is set to start next summer. It has
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nel as well as the distribution assets
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ing it an initial reach of 40 mil-
lion cable subscribers.

Targeting so-called millennials
— which the company calls "the
next greatest generation" — it is
developing a program slate with
producers such as Brian Graden,
filmmaker Morgan Spurlock, Oscar-
winning director Davis Guggen-
heim, and Brian Henson of The
Jim Henson Company.

Evan Shapiro, who joined Par-



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ticipant last spring after serving
as president of IFC and Sundance
Channel, will head the new net-
work. He has executive-produced
such documentaries and series as
"This Film Is Not Yet Rated" and
the Peabody Award-winning "Brick
City" and "Portlandia."

Privately held Participant Media
has produced more than 40 fic-
tion and nonfiction films the past
decade, including "The Help,"

"Charlie Wilson's War," "Food,
Inc.," "An Inconvenient Truth"
and "Lincoln."

"We're not starting from
scratch," Shapiro says. "We're
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ma] content to the television screen
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Best Bets

NBC
8:00

The 2012 Miss Universe Competition Andy Cohen and
Giuliana Rancic host the 61st annual competition from Las Vegas. Con-
testants from more than 80 countries will be judged in three categories
— swimsuit, evening gown and interview — as they vie for the title.

CBS
8:00

**A Home for the Holidays
With Rascal Flatts** The country-
music group, right, hosts its annual spe-
cial, which showcases stories of adoption
from foster care. Melissa Etheridge, an
adoptive parent herself, performs.



AMC
8:00

White Christmas This vehicle for Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye,
Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen features the titular yuletide clas-
sic, along with several other memorable Irving Berlin melodies.

NBC
10:00



Chicago Fire The firefighters respond to a
kitchen blaze in a swanky home and are accused
of swiping a diamond necklace from the house,
leaving Casey (Jesse Spencer, left), Herrmann
and others the targets of an internal investigation.
Shay decides she's had enough from, and with,
Severide. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

News



The Year in Review

As she did last year, TV news
veteran Katie Couric, right,
presents a special edition of
"20/20" (9:31 p.m., ABC) that
recaps notable stories and per-
sonalities of the past 12 months.
Among the news stories cer-
tain to be covered are Hurricane
Sandy and the events that led
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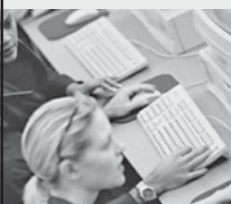
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Horoscope

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have to face certain complications that cannot be sorted out easily — but you must find a way to move forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You know that you are not fulfilling your true potential at this time, and it is a good day to explore all possible reasons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be feeling some pressure from a source not usually known for exerting undue influence on you. This must be dealt with right away.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have the advantage, though you may not know it immediately. As the pace increases, you'll navigate obstacles with relative ease.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not be able to get everything done today, but what you choose to focus on will depend in large part upon how someone else can help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can manage your time well and deliver the goods as expected. Toward day's end, you'll be in a position to call the shots.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You must not be surprised when others gravitate toward you for an unknown reason. Take care that you don't have any knee-jerk reactions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may not get along with a certain someone on a personal level, but when it comes to getting work done, you and he or she are on the same page.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A member of the opposite sex may make things more difficult for you than necessary by injecting a personal element into work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may find it easy to do something that others find difficult — but then again, you may find difficult something others find easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's a good day to put aside any past grievances and let bygones be bygones. There's no use in holding a grudge at this time.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 213

A ₁	O ₁	P ₃	S ₁	N ₁	W ₄	C ₃
A ₁	I ₁	T ₁	D ₂	F ₄	S ₁	D ₂
A ₁	O ₁	O ₁	R ₁	T ₁	L ₁	C ₃
A ₁	U ₁	C ₃	N ₁	S ₁	T ₁	C ₃

Double Word Score

3rd Letter Triple

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

C ₃	A ₁	R ₁	P ₃	O ₁	R ₁	T ₁	RACK 1 =	61
D ₂	A ₁	Z ₁₀	E ₁	D ₂	L ₁	Y ₄	RACK 2 =	113
R ₁	O ₁	O ₁	K ₅	I ₁	E ₁		RACK 3 =	20
C ₃	O ₁	N ₁	V ₄	E ₁	N ₁	T ₁	RACK 4 =	62
PAR SCORE 155-165								TOTAL
								256

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		3		4		6	2	
	6	2		7	1	3		
1			6	3				9
		9		8	7			4
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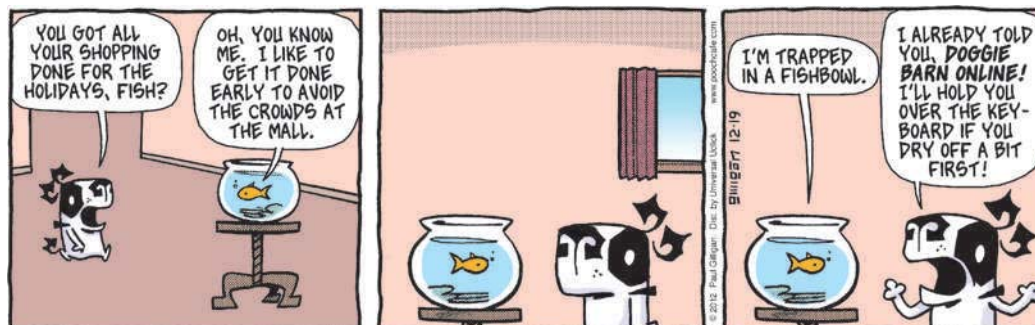
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9	7	6	4	3	8	1	2	5
3	8	2	1	5	7	9	4	6
2	6	7	5	4	1	3	9	8
8	4	9	3	7	6	5	1	2
1	5	3	8	9	2	6	7	4
4	2	1	6	8	3	7	5	9
7	3	8	9	2	5	4	6	1
6	9	5	7	1	4	2	8	3

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Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



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Today: Mostly sunny and mild today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.



Tomorrow: Rain overspreading the area tomorrow afternoon. Rain tomorrow evening.

Looking Ahead



FRI 48 | 30 **SAT** 42 | 28 **SUN** 41 | 28

Sun and Moon
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 Sunset today: 4:49 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 11:33 a.m.
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Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Email filter target
- 5 Decidedly un-Texan
- 10 Powerful emotion
- 14 Bishop Desmond
- 15 "The Sons of ___ Elder"
- 16 Line-___ veto
- 17 Old-style "Bummer!"
- 18 Crave (with "for")
- 19 Soothing salve
- 20 Contradict
- 22 With irregularity and unevenness
- 24 Couple with 16 arms?
- 27 Singer Amos
- 28 Fill-up filler
- 30 Steep, rugged cliff
- 31 Cab type
- 34 Goddess of abundance and fertility
- 35 "What ___ God wrought?"
- 36 Princess' adornment
- 37 Bumbling dudes
- 39 Stop pushing so hard
- 42 Way into a mine
- 43 Cappuccino topper
- 45 Tiler's measurement
- 47 Animal doctor
- 48 Pour through a sieve
- 50 Cop after dealers
- 51 Oft-pale beverage
- 52 Wedding cake doll
- 53 Dough component
- 55 Like the son in a parable of Jesus
- 58 Indian lute
- 61 The stuff of legends
- 62 "___ you ashamed?"
- 65 Roy's partner on the range
- 66 Takes into a count?
- 67 Homebound student, often
- 68 "Good heavens!"
- 69 Put through the paces
- 70 Overdo it onstage
- 71 Nevada's second-largest city

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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61						62			63	64		65		
66						67						68		
69						70						71		

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DOWN

- 1 Attack with a dagger
- 2 Act the crybaby
- 3 Like a stumped puzzle solver?
- 4 "___ to my ears"
- 5 Word with "high" or "light"
- 6 West of old Hollywood
- 7 Abutting at 90 degrees
- 8 A euro forerunner
- 9 Kentucky Derby victory margin
- 10 Poet's name for Ireland
- 11 Smaller and weaker, perhaps
- 12 Break the news
- 13 Television award
- 21 Carve into glass
- 23 Blame bearer

- 25 Kind of testimony
- 26 Fancy chopped liver
- 28 Blunders
- 29 In pieces
- 32 Built-out window
- 33 Photo finish?
- 38 Least wild and frivolous
- 40 River through Russia
- 41 South American nation
- 44 Sound system of yesteryear
- 46 Book of apostolic deeds
- 49 Make invalid
- 54 Kind of down
- 55 Surveyor's map
- 56 Hopped a freight
- 57 Calla lily, e.g.
- 59 "Chattahoochee"

- singer Jackson
- 60 Bring on the decorator
- 63 Tightrope walker's protection
- 64 Concert souvenir

Yesterday's Solution

1	O	N	C	E		6	M	A	L	T	P	A		10	A	M	P	S
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Today in History

1843 "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, is first published in England.

1972 Apollo 17 splashes down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

1998 President Bill Clinton is impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice.

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people **lookout****PAPERWORK****Siri Told Her to Get Divorced, And She Never Disobeys**

A judge finalized Zooey Deschanel's divorce from Ben Gibbard, her rocker husband of roughly three years, last Wednesday. The "New Girl" actress and Gibbard were married in 2009. The judgment does not provide financial details of the breakup, although it states that the marriage cannot be repaired by counseling or mediation. (AP)

MOVING ON UP**E!'s 'Pauly Amorous' To Feature Multiple Girlfriends**

Paul DelVecchio, known to fans of MTV's "Jersey Shore" as Pauly D, hasn't renewed his spinoff, "The Pauly D Project," because E! may make him a better offer. TMZ.com reports that DelVecchio is close to making a deal with the rival network for an unnamed show that, unlike "The Pauly D Project," will focus more on his life than on his work as a DJ. (EXPRESS)



"Dad, who's that dude with the umbrella?" asked Cruz, while Romeo enjoyed a private moment of triumph. That dude was him.

CAREERS**'Now He Won't Have To Go to College!'**

Romeo Beckham, son of Victoria and David Beckham, has booked his first modeling job. The 10-year-old will be featured in Burberry's Spring/Summer 2013 campaign. Burberry Chief Creative Officer Christopher Bailey said Romeo "really stole the show," according to Us Weekly. (EXPRESS)

Dirtbag Digest**She Heard 'Bar' and Signed On**

Lindsay Lohan denies that she ever agreed to work with a company that recently claimed it could book her to perform at weddings and bar mitzvahs, according to TMZ.com. 123 Talent says Lohan signed the deal and later changed her mind. (EXPRESS)

BABIES**'That's What Vampires Do, Isn't It? They Make You Nauseated?'**

Actress Megan Fox, who gave birth to a son, Noah, in September, talked Monday on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" about her debilitating morning sickness. "I was convinced that I was, like, maybe birthing a vampire baby like the one in Twilight," she said. "I had no vitamins and nutrients." (EXPRESS)

**"With my luck, I will starve myself, work out and the next day get hit by a bus and think, 'Why did I waste my time?'"**

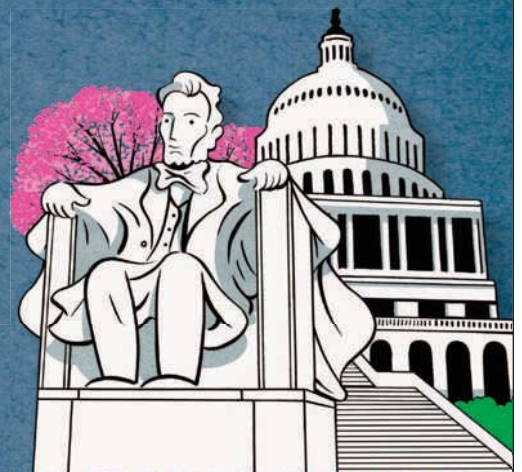
—DREW BARRYMORE, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BRITAIN'S EXPRESS NEWSPAPER. THE ACTRESS SAYS SHE'S TIRED OF HAVING IMPOSSIBLE EXPECTATIONS.



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